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Letter to Philander Chase

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My dear & venerated friend
 Your short letter gives me the pleasing hope of a longer
 arrival of which I should have waited, but for the extraordinary bounty
 of Providence to Ohio from a quarter entirely new, the splendid bene-
 faction from which you owe, under Providence, to Mr West, who
 is come to Town to report the joyful intelligence to the Trustees. A
 Mr Bates, known Lord Gambier personally, & of very great wealth, & of very benevolent disposition, has been to
 visit your Chaplain in Bradford. The reason of his stopping there for
 a short time you will collect from the enclosed printed Paragraph
 which can't fail to delight you. Mr Bates heard
 Mr W. preach there, & refer to your measures, & after
 stopped with him for two days at the Vicarage, where
 he received every possible information from him. The result
 is that Mr B. desires to sign, & consent to the produce to your own, or Mr West's power
 of £1,000 Sterling, to be paid by instalments of £100 per annum,
 unless there be any great end to be secured by earlier payment. This
 however, appears to be the beginning of what it has pleased God to
 incline this excellent man's heart to plan for Ohio, the execution of which
 is already in progress. He particularly requests that you will not sell an
 acre more of your disposable land, the whole of which, & £30,000 more, if
 they could be obtained immediately round the College, he will purchase
 at the stated amount which you paid for the College lands. He proposes, more
 over, going to visit you, with Mr W., in April, after which he will return
 immediately, & finally take from England such a body of Settlers, as will
 exceed all the expectations you ever had. You will be so good as to address

a letter to him, directed Thomas Bates Esqre, Ridley Hall (but
under cover to Lord Gambier, Overgrave, Uxbridge) acknowledging this
Draft, & these bounteous designs, & encouraging them as you may judge
best. With the exception of a fall from the coach, which nearly cost him
his life, in your service, Mr W. goes on triumphantly, not losing sight of your
interests for a moment, subject, however, to occasional annoyance with the
malice of his sectarian enemies, who show their teeth, but cannot bite.

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Mr Bates desires to
with further develop-
ment of best cha-

He Right Reverend Bishop Chase

rather never did

any thing more Gambier

for Kenyon College I Mc

Al.

These are the Chase's initials, & the
writing seems to be near N. F. S.

I encourage him to expect that your next letter will be to him an ample
compensation for what he has endured from your silence of late. I should
add that Mr Bates thinks it highly expedient that a female Seminary
should be established near Gambier. And truly, if the rich soil of Ohio
be able to
can produce such plants as Mrs Chase, Mrs Judkin, & Mrs Seymour, this
suggestion deserves consideration. Lord Kenyon has returned from the Continent.
He is, I bless God, well, and still hints a visit to Ohio at some future day.
His daughters are very much benefited by their tour. My invalid Refug is